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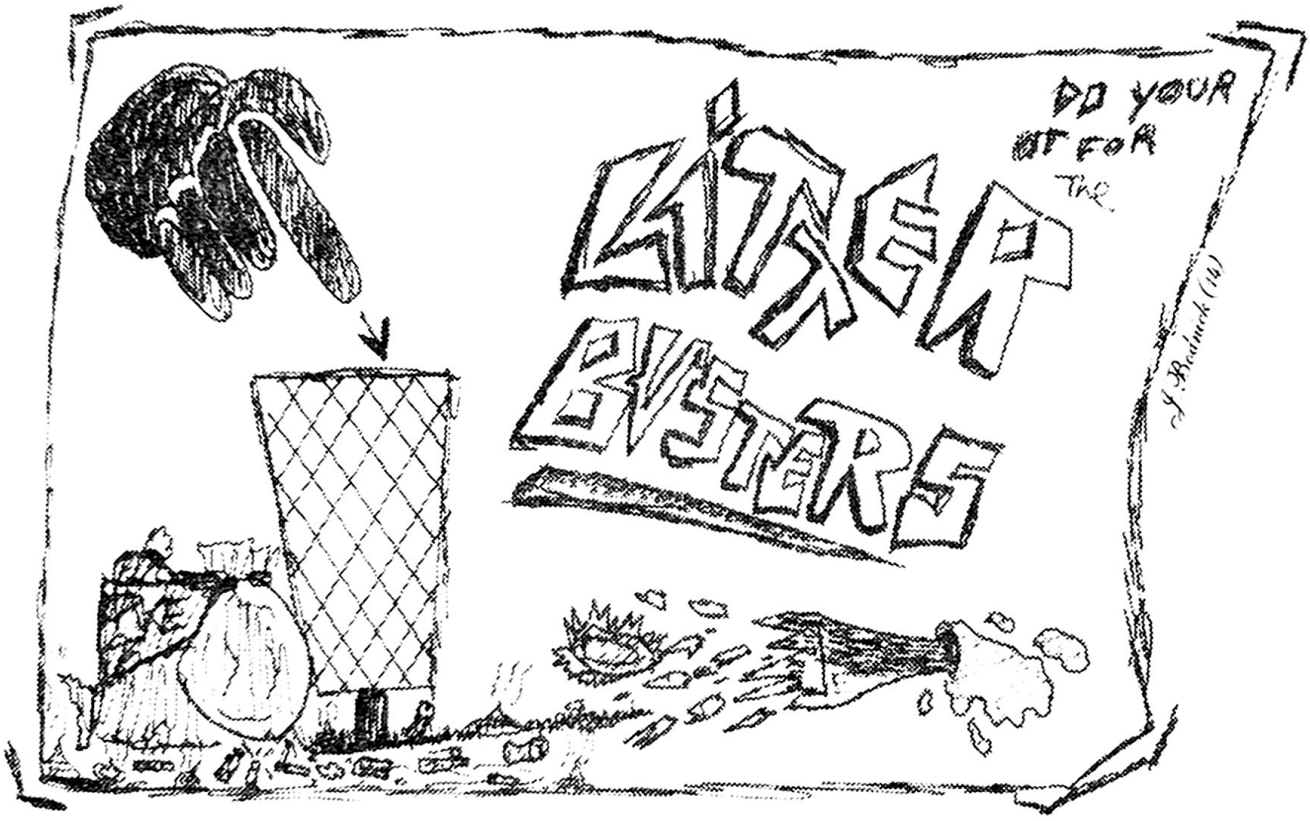

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Meet at the Old Farmhouse

Litter Buster Day

Saturday 13th April

10am to 12am

Bring Rubber Gloves, Black bags will be provided

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The monthly magazine of the Residents' Association

Health centre 780442

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Assistant Doctor			2.00		
Practice Nurse	8.20 & 4.00	8.20 & 3.30	8.20 & 3.30	8.20 & 3.00	8.20 & 4.00
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Child Health Clinic - Doctor				3.00 - 4.00	
Dietitian		9.30 - 12.30 (3)			
Orthoptist		9.00 - 12.30 (2)			9.00 - 12.30 (3)
Psychiatric Doctor					2.00 - 4.30 (4)
Psychiatric Nurse	2.00				

(1) - Child Health Clinic - Health visitor is in the School Lounge
(2) - 2nd in the month
(3) - 3rd in the month
(4) - 2nd and 4th in the month

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The programs the editor uses most are MicroSoft Word 6.0 (for text), CorelDraw 4.0 (for artwork) & QuarkXpress 3.12 (for the final page makeup).

Bar Hill Parish Council
The Old Farmhouse
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The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 21 March, at 7.30 pm in the Old Farmhouse.

A14 - Directional signs for the M11 had been sited on the Dry Drayton/Oakington flyover and speed cameras were being installed at other locations. These are some of the safety improvements being considered by the Highways Agency for the A14.

Weight Restriction on Village - This is again being pursued by the Parish Council to ascertain why the County Council would not even bring the matter before their committee for consideration.

Prosecutions in Village - Help from residents in the Village has resulted in some prosecutions being brought by the police. PC Morris urges residents to report incidents to the police as they occur. These incidents can then be logged by the police.

Skateboard/BMX ramp - Nothing further had been heard from the youths on this.

Parking in the Village - Both the Parish Council and the police have received several complaints regarding neighbour disputes over parking. The Parish Council has no jurisdiction in these matters.

Parking on Parish Council land in Otter Close - As cars parking on previously grassed areas on Otter Close were making the areas unsightly, the Clerk would arrange a site meeting for Councillors to view the areas concerned.

Street Trading consent - The Street Trading Consent for Messrs. Hussain and Truong at the Mall was renewed for another year.

Donation - Cambridge Victim Support - A donation of £100 was agreed by Councillors.

Area to rear of Farmhouse - It was agreed that quotations to convert this area for youth provision would again be sought.

Tesco re-development proposals - Tesco had approached the Parish Council with proposals for the redevelopment of their site in the Village. An exhibition will be held in the Village Hall for Bar Hill residents, probably in late April. There will also be a stand in Tesco's entrance once plans with elevations are available. Tesco's have also advised that they will be producing a newsletter to be sent to all Village residents.

Annual Parish Meeting - This meeting will be held on Thursday 25th April at 8.00 pm in the Church Centre (Octagon).

Mrs. C. McDermott, Clerk

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Litter Busters

Are you new to Bar Hill? Do you feel it looks like a tip at times? Don't blame it on Tesco - they regularly clear their own areas of rubbish.

It is us, Bar Hill residents and our children, who throw the litter down, therefore it is up to us to help clear it up.

If the sight of litter offends you, come and help us spring-clean **your** village.

Each year a few people turn out, but **we really could do with more of you!.**

*Dog owners and other walkers - please take a bag with you now and then a nd pick up a little as you go.

*Don't put your bin bags out too early. Cats and dogs have a whale of a time and the resulting mess blows everywhere.

Please help us, even if you can only spare an hour. Join us on APRIL 13th.

Litter Busters

£££'s
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Bingo

Village Hall, Every Sunday, 7.30 & 8.00 pm
(except Bank Holidays)

Wanted

Garage to rent for car storage **782290**

Letters to the Editor

Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those held by the Residents' Association Committee. Alternative viewpoints are always welcome but anonymous letters will not be printed. The Editor reserves the right to withhold names and addresses where appropriate.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to complain about the attitude of certain older residents of this Village. Twice in less than one week I have had accusations concerning acts of vandalism etc. thrown at me by the aforementioned persons. Indeed, friends of mine have also suffered such offensive false accusations.

There is indeed a minor rough element within the younger generation, as there is in all age groups. However, because the young are not fully enfranchised financially and socially in the community, they have become an easy target for blame, whereas those casting blame indiscriminately upon the youth of Bar Hill believe themselves to be beyond reproach, with all the forces of law on 'their side' as well as having social groups and other decent community facilities. Who ever listens to the young ?

To re-iterate, one should consider that all social groups have their malefactors, who in the same manner as respectable citizens, set precedent by example. The youth did not invent violence, vandalism and aggression, they are merely taught by their elders (not, unfortunately, necessarily their betters)

As a fourteen year old boy who lives in Bar Hill, I am constantly harangued, rudely and unpleasantly, by the older generation, amongst whom are the complainants.

For example, as a frequent shopper at TESCOs, the impoliteness of 95% of the customers there is intolerable. So how dare you criticise !

Until those in power decide to do something for the youth by way of recreational facilities, what are we to do except to hang around in a "Youth - Unfriendly Village" - on the streets.

Please do bear in mind that we have no Parents and Toddlers, The Fox, Social Club/Village Hall or Happy Hours Club, which just about covers all age groups except the youth.

Yes, there is the Pickled-Parrot, but very few children enjoy religion being forced upon them in the guise of a social club.

To summarise, TOLERANCE is a word to be appreciated and practised by all: young and old.

Yours sincerely

Ben Somers.

Neighbourhood Watch - Hillcrest

Mr D. Bodnick, supported by Mrs Bodnick,took over as local co-ordinator from 3rd February. I am very grateful to them and hope you will all give them your support.

Edna Goodman

The Residents' Association

The Committee met on Monday 11th March at the school. Several of us have been asked about TESCO's plans for the development of the Mall, so we thought it would be a good idea to invite the manager to our next meeting so he could explain exactly what the present position is. I hope to be able to tell you more in the next Bar Hill News.

The Fête

This will be on **June 29th** and many of the regular attractions have already been booked by Jo Hall. However, we are keen on offering as much variety as possible and wondered if any of you have exciting and original ideas you would like to try out. A couple of ideas were: remote control cars (maybe on the school playground) and rifle shooting! Anyone interested in either of these or with other suggestions should contact Alan Farndale, 36 Chestnut Rise, **780245**. All 'profits' go to the Village organisations that run the stall or activity, or to the Residents' Association to support Village activities. **There is a limited fund available to support Village interest groups. Written appeals to the committee for support are always considered.**

We also want to ensure that we are truly representative of Bar Hill Residents, and hope to prepare a questionnaire for next month's 'News' that will tell us what you want us to do! Please be gentle, we are trying our best!

Jan Fisher **780245**

The Residents' Association Subscriptions for 1996

These will be collected in May and June.

An official from the Residents' Association will be collecting £1 from each householder towards the running costs of all aspects of the Association. An identity card will be shown.

If you are away or miss the collector, contact the co-ordinators:

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Nature Reserve

Hi again,

Nights are getting lighter, hopefully the days are getting warmer.... Spring is here.

Over at the pond, the newts, frogs and toads are all "doing the business". The frogs, with their earlier start than the toads, have produced their spawn and departed. The toads are like a gang of ruffians compared to the frogs, with all that pushing and shoving to get a mate - I have found toads in the past where, because of all the fighting for her attentions in a big "ball" of toads, she has been dead, but the urge to breed has been so great, they won't let go of her; when they eventually do, she has incredible marks on her body - this is known as "amplexus", the pressure from the male being so great that she will carry these marks for some time. The toads will lay their well-known strings of eggs around underwater plants.

For the newts, it's a more sedate affair; the male will display to the female, then make her a gift of his sperm package, which she will use to fertilise her eggs. The newt being a tailed amphibian, unlike the frogs and toads, produces eggs inside her body. The eggs will then be carefully "glued" onto leaves, which are then folded over to hide them. This will go on for several months, by which time the pond should abound with froglets, toadlets, and newtlets.

The nest-boxes are being "looked into" by prospective residents, and hopefully a lot will be used again this year. The other day I sat on the top bench and was completely surrounded by bird sound. The birds are now starting to find their voices after the recess; it was in credible.

Some help, please, if when you are walking around the reserve you see any litter such as drinks cans, crisp packets and paper, please pick an item up, and take it home with you. It's your reserve, let's keep it CLEAN, ta.

I've walked the fields for some time now
And seen the seasons come and go,
Hot and dry with Summer sun
Cold with Winter snow.
The months move on, it's getting warmer
Lots more birds are on the wing,
The buds are bursting on the bushes
It seems like this is Spring.

(N.J.R.'96)

Nick Richardson 781383

April Wildlife

Bluebells and woodland flowers

April - early May sees bluebells in all their glory.

The bluebell has long, strap shaped leaves and its flowers are on one side of the stem, with petals forming a bell-shaped flower. Its flowers are sometimes white or pink.

The blubell grows only in lands fringing the Atlantic, and it doesn't grow in such profusion in any other country as it does in Britain, so the bluebell bonanza is a truly British spectacle. Why not visit one of our woodland nature reserves such as Waresley & Gransden, Hayley, Gamlingay Woods or Brampton Wood?

Other flowers and plants you may see are Wood Anemone, Violet, Oxlip and Primrose.

Special Event Bluebell Open Day

at Waresley & Gransden Woods on 4-5 May with nature trails, quizzes, have-a-go woodland crafts. The guided walks led by the warden, Bryan Righton, are a 'must' as few know so much about these ancient woodlands. The day also offers a chance to see the part of Gransden Woods recently purchased by the Wildlife Trust after a successful appeal. Phone the Wildlife Trust for details.

Saturday 6th April - ***Walk 'n Weave*** - **Children's event**. Help the Milton Watch group create a unique interpretation of Milton Country Park. 2.00 - 3.00 pm. Contact Watch leader Malcolm Busby on **01223 440196**

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st April. Guided walks around Hardwick Wood lead by Jean Benfield. Please book a place with her on **01223 262537**

Sunday 21st April. Join the Cottenham local group on a guided walk around Hayley Wood. Meet 2.00 pm at the end of Hayley Lane on the B1046 between Longstowe and Little Gransden (opposite the water tower). Hopefully the bluebells will be out! Contact Peter Pilbeam on **251544** for details.

To join the Wildlife Trust 'phone **01223 846363**

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Happy Hours (Recycled Youth Club)

Club Outings in 1996

A small amendment is necessary to the dates I gave you in the March issue. The 7th July trip should have read 17th July. Sorry!

Charities

As you possibly know, our monthly rafflr receipts go to charities for good causes. During the whole of 1995 we donated £400 to the various groups. So far this year, £29 has gone to the Arthritis and Rheumatism and £30.50 to Guide Dogs for the Blind. Well done you lovely people.

Sick List

Jimmy Platts is certainly getting better and good news about Irene Smith and Stan Whitworth, who are both happily on the road to recovery.

Annual Competitions - These are now in full swing at the club.

Newquay Holiday - 1-5 April

By the time you receive this , those Happy Hours members who booked for this holiday should be away and enjoying themselves. - well, we sincerely hope so.

Not a lot to tell you this month, so let's finish with a couple of old time greats!

"To a Daughter"

Life is a mystery,
Or so we are told
Born out of love
We die when we're old
You are the daughter
I've loved through the years
Sharing your happiness
Calming your fears
And now that I'm older
Not fit as can be
The care that I gave you
You now give to me
So how did it happen
When did the day come
That I became daughter
and you became Mum?

Jimmy James (Secretary) **781124**

The Crofters IN CONCERT

Saturday 18th May at 8.00 pm
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in aid of
The Bar Hill Church Building Fund
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Ticket £3.50
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☎ 782479

Poor Blessed Old Days

We met and we married a long time ago
We worked for long hours when wages were low
No tv, no wireless, no bath - times were hard,
Just a cold water tap and a walk in the yard
No holidays abroad, no carpets on the floor,
We had coal on the fire, we didn't lock doors.
Our children arrived, no pill in those days,
And we brought them up without stste aid.
They were safe going out to play in the park
And old folks could go for a walk in the dark.
No valium, no drugs, no LSD
We cured most of our ills with a good cup of tea.
No vandals, no muggings; nothing to rob,
We felt we were rich with a couple of bob.
People were happier in those far-off days
Kinder and caring in so many ways.
Milkman and paper boy would whistle and sing
A night at the pictures was all one had as a fling.
We all got our share of troubles and strife
We just had to face it; that's the pattern of life.
Now I'm alone, I look back through the years
I don't think of bad times, the troubles and tears,
I remember the blessings, our hope and our love
And that we shared them together, I thank God above.

Joe Bryon

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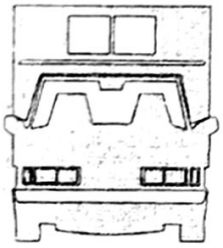

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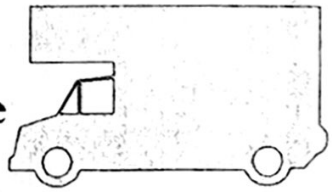

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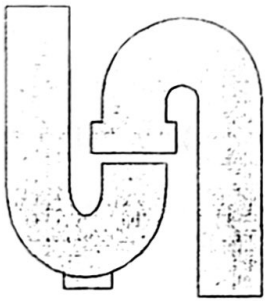

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We are a very informal ladies club and we have a variety of speakers, entertainment or outings. If you would like to join please contact Barbara Page on 780933, or come along to one of our meetings.

Ther will be no meeting in April because the School will be closed, so our next meeting will be on 2nd May and will be about the Castle Project.

Phone Carol for details on 781692

Telephone for appointments:-
10.00 am - 7.00 pm weekdays (except Wednesday)

South Cambridgeshire Conservative Association

April 20 **Cheese and Wine Party**

Guest Mr Robert Sturdy MEP. Venue changed to 121 Appletrees. Tickets £6 from Iris Lay 780457

June 8 **Mechanical Musical Evening,** with supper. Venue to be announced. More information from Iris Lay.

Iris Lay (Chairman) **780457**

The Royal British Legion

A party from our Branch attended the Sausage and Mash supper at Cottenham organised by the Group committee. Our Branch Treasurer Neville Clark has recently accepted the same post at Group and was able to announce a profit of £64 for the evening.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 11th April at 7.30 pm in the Farmhouse.

E. A. Patrick **782136**

Bar Hill and District Labour Party

Our programme for the coming year is as follows:-

25th Apr	Branch meeting at 15 Acorn Avenue
1st Jul	Branch meeting at 30 Acorn Avenue
14th Jul	Barbecue at Swavesey (more details later)
2nd Sep	Branch meeting. Venue to be arranged
4th Nov	Branch meeting. Venue to be arranged

All meetings take place at 8.00 pm. For more information about the activities of the Labour Party in the local area, contact Jean Prandy, 15 Acorn Ave. **780201**

National Women's Register

The Bar Hill Branch of the NWR meets once a fortnight on a Monday or Tuesday evening. The group is informal and friendly. New members are always welcomed.

The programme for April is:

Tues 2nd - 16 Acorn Ave - Come and celebrate Easter with a chocolate fondue and Easter eggs.

Mon 15th - 12 Almond Grove - Open Evening with Mexican food to set your mind on fire.

Tues 30th - 6 Partridge Drive - The Royal Family - Abdication or Abolition?

All meetings begin at 8 pm and a charge of 40p is made for tea/coffee and biscuits. If you would like to know more or need a lift to a meeting please telephone Edna Goodman **782558** or Chris Avery **781233.**

LIFE AFTER DEATH ?

A Visit to Church on Easter Sunday might help you make up your mind

Women's Institute

The next meeting will be April 16th. It's later this month because the School will be closed.

Instead of a Speaker we are going for a Tour of TESCOs. Could members meet in the Coffee Bar in TESCOs at 7.45pm please. It should be a nice evening. Hope to see you all there.

Joyce Smith **781782**

At the pre-school playgroup we are proud to have 2 rooms. The messy room encourages creative play with activities like painting, cutting out, glue and modelling. This leads to a more educational format with writing and occasional cooking lessons. The playroom is designed to develop the children's imagination through pretend play with a wide range of activity toys/equipment, including a house which can be made into a hospital or even a shop. This equipment also helps to help develop agility and co-ordination, and of course we have lots of books, puzzles and games.

Another facility we have now is our fenced in play area which has been approved by all the relevant bodies. So, when the weather is fine the children will be able to play outside in safety.

Our sessions are run by friendly, trained and experienced staff Heather, Barbara, Jan, Jenny and Janice.

We are open to all children aged 2½ to school age. Our "stepping stone" session start at 2½ and our general sessions are for 3 years to school age.

Application forms are available from Playgroup, the Library or you could contact our administrator Jenny Dedman **782037** before 7pm. If you would like to visit the Playgroup, please call in at any of our sessions. The Playleaders will be happy to show you around and answer any questions you may have.

Our session times are:-

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.15 - 11.45 am
Monday "Stepping Stones" 1.00 - 3.00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 1.00 - 3.30 pm
Friday is for the pre-school children from January onwards.

Easter Playday

Wednesday April 3rd 10am to 12 noon, in the Village Hall. Come on down and have a lovely time. There will be activities for the children to do, a colouring competition, free sweets, etc, all themed around Easter. For the parents we'll have a raffle and stallls to browse over. We shall also be selling refreshments.

Jumble Sale

A big thank you to everyone who donated jumble and to everyone who helped with this event, helpers on the day, Ruby and Sid, please accept the grateful thanks of the staff and committee.

AGM - July 2nd, 8.00 pm, Village Hall.

Yes, we know it's early, but please join our committee and become involved! Please come along on the evening. We shall have a guest speaker (to be announced). We will end the evening with a raffle, light buffet and refreshments. Please support your local Playgroup - all welcome.

A personal thank you

This goes to Chris, who has designed so many of Playgroup's information and events posters. Tina just wants to say thank you. You will be missed when you leave Bar Hill.

Maria Creek **782429**

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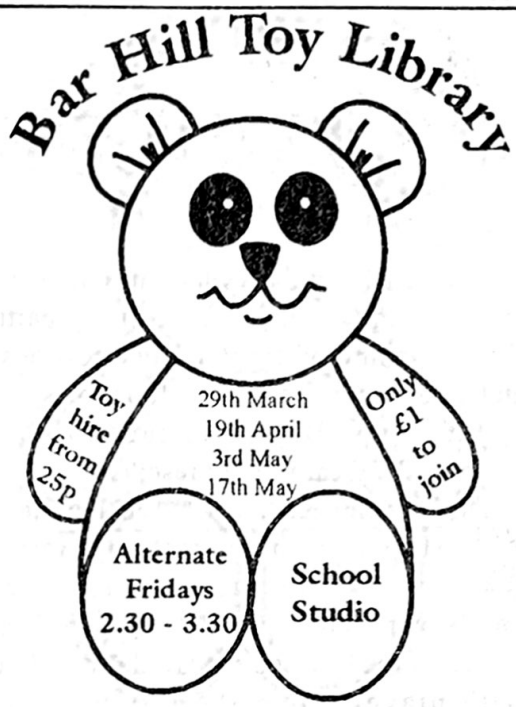
Stan Dixon, Chairman **782729**



Urgent

We need you **NOW** or the last Bar Hill Toy Library session will be on 19th April !

On average 20 of you regularly attend the Toy Library sessions. You know what a good idea the Toy Library is. We only need 3 more volunteers to join the committee. The only commitment required is for about 20 hours a year (that's less than half an hour a week). We don't need you to come to every Toy Library session, but we would like help to hold our very popular toy sales and our summer PlayDay.

This is a very easy committee to serve on. meetings are held infrequently, only when we need to decide which toys to sell or buy.

The AGM is on Monday 29th April, in the Community Lounge at the School at 8.00 pm. Come along and have a chat with us over a glass of wine.

Under Ones

Babies under one and their mums/dads are welcome at Under Ones on Wednesday mornings. The Church Centre is open from 10 - 12 noon for refreshments and a chance to meet other people with young babies. Expectant mums are also very welcome. We offer changing facilities, a good selection of toys and a well-stocked library on all aspects of pregnancey and baby care. Contact Emily Lewney, 7 Oatlands Avenue, **781770**

Bar Hill Childminders

Contact Deb Benstead for an up to date list of vacancies. **780284**

THE GUIDE ASSOCIATION

March began like a lion, in our Guiding circles - 1st Bar Hill Rainbows had an enrolment evening and the same week saw anniversary parties to mark the re-opening of 1st Bar Hill Brownies last year, and 4 years of 2nd Bar Hill Rainbows.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides all made Mother's Day cards and presents.

The District led the Church Parade Service on 24th March, with all units participating. The Rainbows sang, 1st Brownies played hand chimes, 2nd Brownies read a meditation, 3rd Brownies performed a reading and the Guides acted out a drama, with prayers from the Rainbows and Young Leaders.

The girls will be preparing for Easter with a variety of crafts.

All the Brownies are going swimming in late March/early April.

Places are available for all ages (5 to 60). We are especially interested to hear from an adult to help occasionally at the Friday Rainbow sessions. If you can help please ring the Rainbow Guider, Sue Carpenter 780347 or myself.

Nina Hutt (District Commissioner) **781105**

Woodcraft Folk

Foxglove Elfin Group is for 6 - 9 year old girls and boys, and meets in the school on Fridays from 5.45 - 7.00 pm. We run as a parents' co-operative and offer equal opportunities for all. For further information, please contact Jo Griffiths **781007**. To register your child contact Christine Welburn **782978**. Other adult members and leaders :- Heather Sales and Pauline Dempsey.

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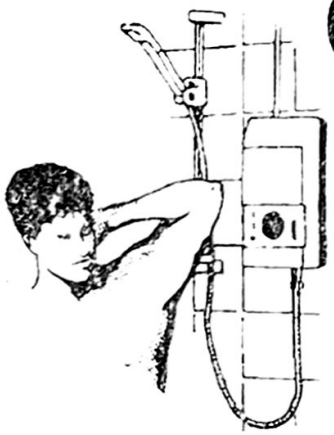

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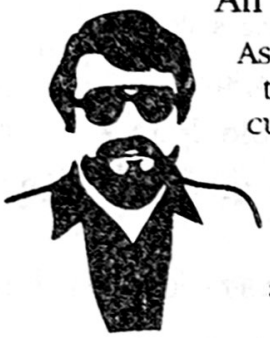

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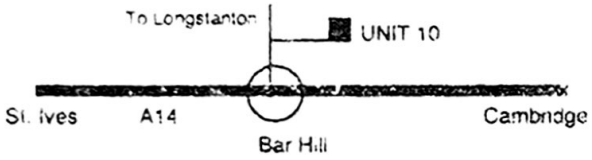

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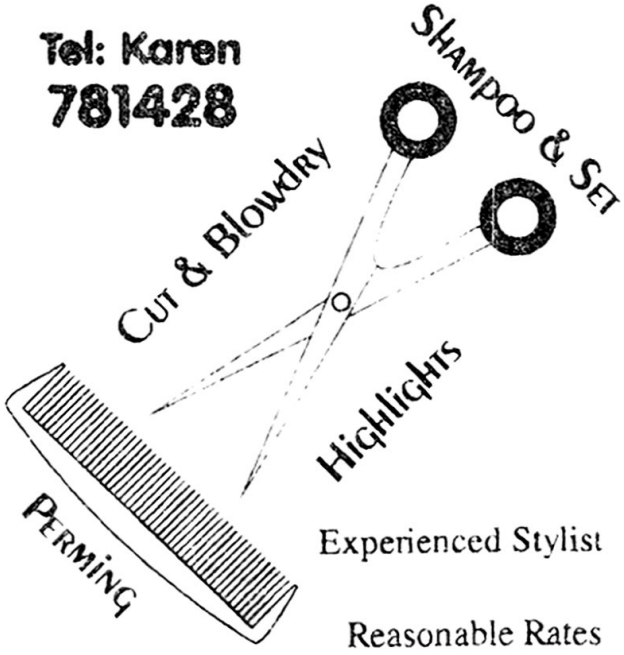

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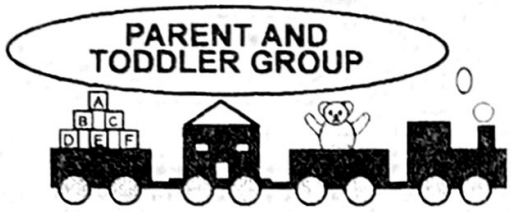
Year 6 pupils presented a most enjoyable production of "The Wizard of Oz" at the end of March. It was obvious that a great deal of effort had been made by all those involved, including staff, children and helpers. The costumes and props were imaginatively designed and there was an excellent musical accompaniment. Thank you all for a most entertaining evening.

The 6-a-side football team have also had a very successful season; they reached the semi-finals of their cup competition at Milwall, narrowly missing a trip to Wembley! Congratulations to all those involved.



The Parent and Toddler Group is for children between the ages of 12 months and 3 years. The sessions are held in the Church Centre, where they can come with mum/dad to play and make new friends. In each session there will be painting, messy play, sand, large activity toys, puzzles, books and much more. We also have a singing and action time at the end of each session.

Session times:

Mon - Fri mornings 10-11.30
(Wednesday for 12 - 18 month Toddlers only)
Mon & Tues afternoons 1.30-3.00

To find out more, please contact Carin **789056** before 7 pm. If you would like to visit us you are welcome to call in and have a chat with our supervisors Jo and Mary.

Postman Pat Playday

Tuesday 2nd April at 10am

Yes - Postman Pat and his black and white cat are coming to Toddlers. Lots to do and see. Refreshments available. Competitions. Prizes. £1 entrance fee.

Claire Thorby **781527**

The Health Centre

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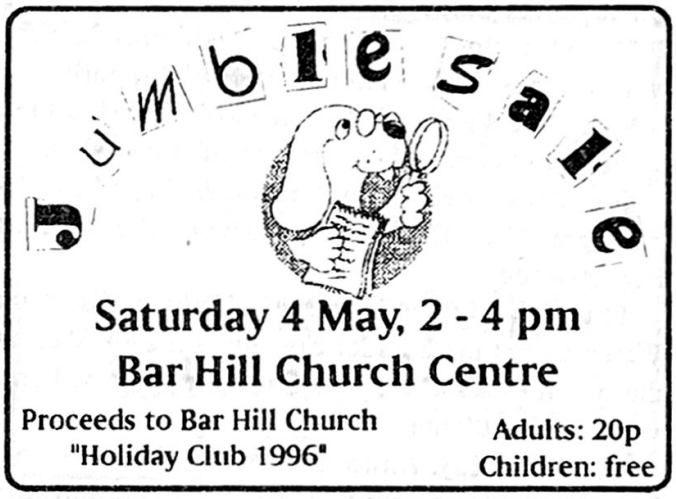

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The ***Cambridge Campaign for Tackling Acquired Deafness*** (Camtad) will be offering monthly sessions in the Health Centre from early Spring (hopefully May). On several occasions in the past Camtad came to the Health Centre car park to hold sessions (in a specially adapted vehicle) but, since our refurbishment, we can now offer them a room inside and they have the funds to offer the service again.

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The Wildlife Trust

Wed. 10th April. ***Ely Group AGM*** With quiz and social. 7.30 pm, William Thorpe Building, Wicken Fen.

Sun. 14th April. ***Wet and Wild.*** Wade over Hinchingbrooke Country Park to wonder at the winning ways of water and its wiggly wildlife. Wisdom about wildfowl, whirligig beetles and wetlands will waft your way. Wear wellies ! 2-5 pm.

Mon. 15th April. ***St. Neots Group AGM*** With talk on the Arctic by Bob Burton. Eynesbury Primary School, Montagu Street. St. Neots.

Sat. 21st & Sun 22nd April. ***Guided walks around Hardwick Wood.*** Meet at 2.15 pm at telephone box at Caldecote (Reference Landranger 154 3480/5690). Boots advisable as wood may be very wet. No dogs. Limited numbers, so phone early.

Sun. 21st April. ***Walk around Hayley Wood*** led by Peter Pilbeam. Meet 2pm, end of Hayley Lane.

Sun. 28th April. ***Open Garden & Plant Sale.*** 2 - 5.30 pm The Old House, Ickwell Green, near Biggleswade.

Thu. 9th May. ***Nightingale Walk.*** at Grafham Water. Count the number of singing males. Meet at the wildlife cabin, Mander Car Park, west of Perry village, 7 - 9.00 pm.

Sat. 11th May. ***Dawn Chorus.*** At Hayley Wood. The Cambridge Groups annual early morning trip to hear the birds singing. Meet at 3.45 am outside the Hat & Feathers pub, Barton Road Cambridge, or 4.15 am at Hayley Wood.

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Sat. 6th April. ***Walk 'n' Weave.*** Help us create a unique interpretation of Milton Country Park, 2 - 3.30 pm.

Mon. 15th April. ***Who lives here?*** Let's look at animal homes. 6 - 7.30 pm, Perry Church.

Sat. 4th May. ***Watch the Birdie!*** Bring your binoculars for a look at birds from various angles. Milton Country Park, 2 - 3.30 pm.

Sat. 11th May. ***Iron Age Farm in Spring.*** Practical work on Iron Age Farm. Hinchingbrooke Country Park Visitors Centre, 10.30 - 12.30 pm.

Contact: Tim Parish (Swavesey) **203035**

Sunshine Playgroup

The Sunshine Playgroup (the brightly painted building on the Parish Council land next to the school) is a small friendly Playgroup with a safe, fenced-in play area and garden. We aim to provide a wide range of experiences through free and structured play in a caring environment. Our Playleaders are Jo, Liz, Maggie, Sue and Linda.

Session times:

Mon - Fri 9.15 - 11.45 am
12.45 - 3.15 pm

Tuesday and Thursday mornings are run mostly for new starters and younger Playgroup children (with some exceptions).

If you are interested in a place for your child please call in at any session. Application forms are available from Playgroup, Health Centre, Library and Cherry Clarke **780785**

The Playgroup building can be hired for party events, meetings, etc. Rates are £12 or £2.50 per hour for a block booking.The fenced-in garden can be used for a bouncy castle at an additional charge of £2. Early booking is advisable. Phone Jenny Orvis **782250** for further details.

Diary Dates

Wed 10 April Easter Playday 10-11.30am
Tues 23 April AGM 8.00pm

All welcome at both events.

Krysa Parker (Chairperson) **782931**

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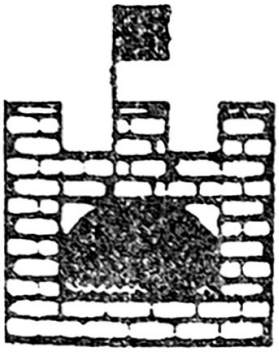

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Dear Editor,

Who are the vandals?

I was appalled to hear of the mindless vandalism of pensioners property in the Village, no doubt there are other unfortunate incidents which are not reported.

Obviously we despise the pathetic cowards who destroy and then run away and hide, but similarly those who allow such acts are to blame because they condone the crimes e.g.

A. the parents, or guardians, of the vandals, who should be forced to repay the value of the items damaged.

B. Perhaps more importantly, the government accountants who only understand a balance sheet, the cost of everything and the value of nothing, who have proved that we can not afford a proper police force to protect us or cleaning staff to sweep away shattered glass and rubbish, which now strews the roads and paths.

I look forward to hearing when Mr. Dixon and our other friend have received proper redress, through the courts or otherwise.

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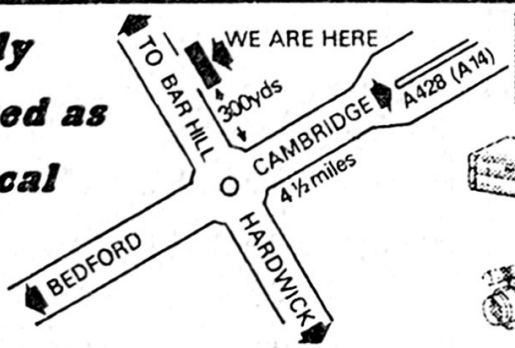

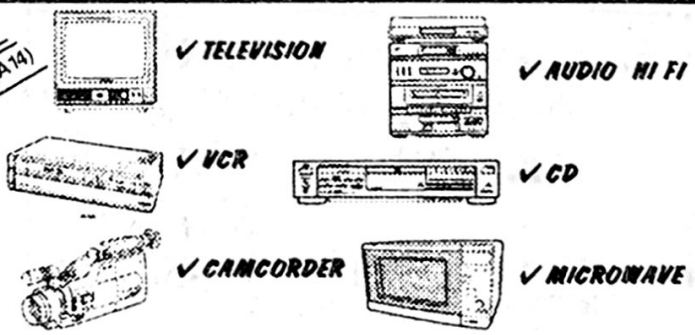

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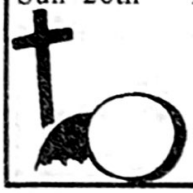
Fri. 5th	10 am	**Good Friday Service**	
Easter Day	8 am	Holy Communion	
	10 am	Worship and Family Communion	Preacher: Reverend Gary Renison
	7 pm	Easter Worship	Preacher: Reverend Gary Renison

Other Services for the month of April

Sun 14th	10 am	Society of Friends	
	7 pm	Worship Service	Preacher: Peter Sheldrick
Sun 21st	10 am	Morning Worship & Communion	Preacher: Reverend Gary Renison
	7 pm	Youth Service	Leader: Tim Jackson
Sun 28th	10 am	Family Service	Preacher: Reverend Gary Renison
	7 pm	Quiet Communion	Preacher: Di Gunton



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The Minister: Revd. Gary Renison **781629**
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Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tues. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Sats: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

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St. Ives Bus Station	7.10	7.25	7.45	8.00	8.50	9.20	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.30	13.00	13.30	13.55	14.25	14.40	15.00	15.25	15.55	16.25	16.50	17.25		
Bar Hill Mall	7.30	7.45	8.05	8.20	9.10	9.35	9.50	9.60	10.20	10.50	10.60	11.20	11.50	11.60	12.20	12.50	13.20	13.50	14.15	14.45	15.00	15.20	15.45	16.15	16.45	17.10	17.45		
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The Diary

Day	Date	Time	Event	Society	Location
Mon.	1st		*Newquay Holiday*	Happy Hours	Newquay
Tue.	2nd	10.00 am	*Postman Pat Day*	Parent + Toddlers	Church Centre
		8.00 pm	*Easter cellebration*	NWR	16, Acorn Ave.
Wed.	3rd	10.00 - 12.00 am	*Easter Playday*	PreSchool Playgroup	Village Hall
Fri.	**5th**		**Good Friday**		
Sun.	**7th**		**Easter Sunday**		
Mon.	8th	8.00 pm	Committee Meeting	Residents' Association	School
Wed.	10th	10.00 - 11.30 am	Easter Playday	Sunshine Playgroup	Sunshine Building
Thu.	11th	8.00 pm	Meeting	Royal British Legion	The Old Farmhouse
Sat.	13th	10.00 - 12.00 am	Litter Buster Day	Us	The Old Farmhouse
Mon.	15th	8.00 pm	Committee Meeting	Residents' Association	School
		8.00 pm	Open Evening	NWR	12, Almond Grove
Tue.	16th	7.45 pm	A Tour of TESCOs	WI	TESCOs Coffee Bar
Fri.	19th	2.30 - 3.30 pm	Session	Toy Library	School Studio
Fri.	19th	7.30 - 10.00 pm	Disco	Youth Club	Village Hall
Sat.	20th	7.30 pm	Cheese & Wine Party	Conservatives	93, The Spinney
Tue.	23rd	8.00 pm	AGM	Sunshine Playgroup	Sunshine Building
Thu.	25th	8.00 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon
		8.00 pm	Branch Meeting	Labour Party	15, Acorn Avenue
Mon.	29th	8.00 pm	AGM	Toy Library	School
Tue.	30th	8.00 pm	The Royal Family	NWR	6, Partridge Drive
May					
Thu.	2nd	8.00 pm	*Castle Project*	8 o'clock Club	School
Fri.	3rd	2.30 - 3.30 pm	Session	Toy Library	School Studio
Sat.	4th	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Jumble Sale	Church Holiday Club	Church Centre
Mon.	**6th**		**May Day**		
Sat.	11th	9.30 am	FUN RUN	Bar Hill PTA.	School
Mon.	13th	8.00 pm	Committee Meeting	Residents' Association	School
Tue.	14th	7.30 - 10.00 pm	Disco	Swavesey Patch	Village Hall
Wed.	15th		Outing	Happy Hours	
Fri.	17th	2.30 - 3.30 pm	Session	Toy Library	School Studio
Sat.	18th	8.00 pm	***The Crofters in Concert***	The Church Building Fund	The Church

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